

**FRIDAY FLYER**  
*THE CHILDREN'S ACADEMY*  
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March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010

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**ENJOY THE SPRING BREAK! SEE YOU ALL ON MONDAY APRIL 12, 2010!**

**PARENT HANDBOOKS** – On Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, the children who will be continuing their education at The Academy for the 2010-2011 school year were given their Parent Handbooks. This booklet contains important information necessary for the new school year. If you have not received your book, please call The Academy office.

**KINDERGARTEN AT THE ACADEMY** – A Montessori education is a powerful foundation for many future years of learning. Kindergarten at The Academy is an excellent opportunity to have your child continue their growth, both socially and academically. If you are considering this option, please contact Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Sarno. They will be happy to discuss the program with you.

**THANK YOU**.....to the Ovisew family for the recent visit. It was a pleasure to have a former alumni come to visit before embarking on her own teaching career.

**THANK YOU**.....to the Ostella girls, Maxine and Sophie, for spending some time with the Big Room. It was a joy to hear about their new experiences at school.

**THANK YOU**.....to Jayson and Julia Thompson, former alumni, for their recent visit. They are now 11 and 9 years of age. It was a pleasure to have them spend the afternoon working with the children.

**THANK YOU**.....to Penelope for the beautiful Easter lily. It is a welcome addition to our classroom and brings the perfect smell for spring!

**THANK YOU**..... to Mrs. Simmonetti for the delicious pastries, celebrating St. Joseph's Day. A great treat for the teachers.

**THANK YOU** ..... to Madam Frey for her contribution to our "Switzerland Box". Her recent trip to this country enlightened us with first-hand information and some very interesting cultural items.

**THANK YOU** ..... to alumni, Emily and Zoe Segal for their recent visit. We enjoyed having them read to us and share their new experiences in school.

**THANK YOU** ..... to Anthony Tschopp a former alumni for his help and assistance at our Spring Party.

**THANK YOU** ..... to all the Mom's who helped make our Spring Party a success!

**SNACK** – Thank you to the following children for the delicious treats they brought to share with their friends: Michael M., Ryan, Matea, Cristyn, Matthew, Reilly and Nicholas.

**LITTLE ROOM - Mrs. Lombardi and Mrs. Simmons -**

**PRACTICAL LIFE** – A thermos opening activity was presented allowing for both muscle development and hand-eye coordination through pouring.

**SENSORIAL** – A color wheel was shown representing both primary and secondary colors with matching color cards for visual discrimination. Shadow work was also shown. This challenging activity requires the student to identify pairs matching actual picture to its corresponding shadow.

**LANGUAGE** – Our work with name mats is now an independent activity of our language area. The children love searching for their name, tracing the letters and wiping down their mats.

**CULTURAL** – We talked about the upcoming Easter holiday and while we all still love to dance the Irish Jig we also enjoyed learning the bunny hop!

**TRANSITIONAL ROOM – Mrs. Tschopp and Mrs. Bottiglieri** – We discussed the upcoming Easter holiday and read some books to help us understand why this holiday is so special.

PRACTICAL LIFE – The lacing frame was introduced to help encourage independence. Spring lacing cards were also shown. These cards allow the children to practice a running stitch. It also refines small motor skills and eye hand coordination.

SENSORIAL— Our new activity was Animal puzzles. These puzzles can only be put together correctly one way. The children need to look very closely to the details in the puzzle to be successful.

Math—Cards and counters and unifix counting were added to our shelf. Both activities reinforce number recognition, counting and quantities. The cards and counters activity also gives the children a visual representation of odd and even numbers.

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BIG ROOM – Mrs. Sarno, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Dixon and Mrs. Gerst -

PRACTICAL LIFE – We reviewed all of the dressing frames. Working with the dressing frames will continue to foster independence and care of self. The carpet sweeper was introduced to encourage the children to take care of their environment. They are now able to help keep their classroom clean with the Swiffer duster, table cleaning and the sweeper.

LANGUAGE – New sequencing work, freezes, wooden nouns and animal baby puzzles are now on the shelf. We are continuing to work with our journals and name and address tracing as well as mental inset extensions. All of our activities increase writing skills and beginning reading.

MATH – This week we reviewed some of our favorite math activities and read books from our math library to help reinforce the new skills we have learned.

SOCIAL STUDIES – With April right around the corner we talked about April Fools day. We shared many laughs talking about harmless fun and silly games to play on our friends. After all, laughter is what keeps our friendships and our hearts filled with love. Also, we are beginning to feel spring in the air! We discussed the new life beginning, with the birds singing and the flowers blooming. We decided that flowers are beautiful and we'll be keeping our eyes open and watching our gardens begin to grow!

ART – As we begin the celebration of Passover we made our own seder plate.

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#### **CALENDAR REMINDER**

<b>April 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Graduation Pictures</b>
<b>April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monday – Friday</b>	<b>Trike-A-Thon (Information to follow)</b>

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